

Amendments to the Specification:

Please add the following new headings and paragraph after the Title.

CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a U.S. National Stage application of PCT Application No. PCT/AT 2004/00282, filed August 9, 2004, which claims priority from Austrian Application Nos. A 1252/2003, filed on August 7, 2003, A 1440/2003, filed on September 11, 2003, and A 722/2004, filed on April 27, 2004.

FIELD OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following new heading prior to line 9 of page 1.

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 24 of page 2 as follows:

The ~~said~~ devices with a plurality of biopsy needles have a complicated design and are obviously not intended for use as disposable devices. Cleaning and sterilization seem to be utterly complicated.

Please add the following new heading prior to line 23 of page 3.

BRIEF SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 23 of page 3 as follows:

One ~~object~~ exemplary embodiment of the present invention ~~is to create~~ provides a simple device, with which the above-mentioned drawbacks of fine-needle biopsy can be counteracted. In light of the increasing cost pressure in health care, the devices have a simple design and be correspondingly inexpensive.

Please amend the paragraph starting on line 27 of page 3 as follows:

This ~~object~~ is accomplished with a device of the type described in the introduction, in which the needle means has, according to the present invention, a plurality of puncture needles, whose channels open into the interior of the cylinder, and a ventilating means is provided for the interior of the syringe cylinder, by means of which the volume between the bottom and the plunger can be temporarily connected to the environment.

Please add the following new heading prior to line 1 of page 3.

BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS

Please amend the description of the drawings as follows:

- Figure 1 shows a schematic perspective view of a device according to the present invention with five attachments for needles_{7,1}
- Figure 2 shows a section through part of the device according to Figure 1_{7,1}
- Figure 3 shows the device with the needles attached in a view similar to that in Figure 1_{7,1}
- Figure 4 shows a needle with a filter in a schematic sectional view_{7,1}
- Figure 5 shows, likewise in a perspective view, another embodiment of the device according to the present invention with an attachable protective sleeve_{7,1}
- Figure 6 shows an embodiment of the device according to the present invention with an attachable and removable specimen container_{7,1}
- Figure 7 shows a partially cut-away side view of an embodiment of the present invention with a stop means for limiting the depth of penetration of the needles_{7,1}
- Figure 8 shows a schematic diagram of another embodiment with a spacer that can be pushed over to limit the depth of penetration_{7,1}
- Figure 9 shows a schematic diagram of an embodiment of the present invention with a holder for the needles_{7,1}

- Figure 10 shows a schematic side view of an embodiment of the present invention, in which a plurality of needles are connected with a suction syringe via a single, common attachment;_{7i}
- Figure 11 shows a schematic side view of another variant of the present invention, in which a plurality of needles are connected with a suction syringe via an adapter;_{7i}
- Figure 12 shows a variant of the present invention with a ventilating means designed as an overflow channel;_{7i}
- Figure 13 shows a variant in which two ventilation possibilities with holes in the cylinder wall are illustrated;₇ and
- Figure 14 shows an embodiment of a plunger with a central, closable ventilating channel.

Please add the following new heading prior to line 5 of page 4.

DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE INVENTION

Please add the following paragraph at the end of page 13:

Although the invention is illustrated and described herein with reference to a specific embodiment, the invention is not intended to be limited to the details shown. Rather, various modifications may be made in the details within the scope and range of equivalents of the claims and without departing from the invention.